

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 8, 2008

The Emergency Management Advisory Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Advisory Council members present were: Chairman Nathan Miller, Dave Reagan, Mike Kyger, Commissioner Ruth Shedd, Carol Shelby, Garry Smith, and John Withers. Also present were Director Mark Kirby and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

Commissioner Shedd moved to approve minutes from the January 8, 2008 meeting, second by Carol Shelby; motion carried.

Director's Report

Director Kirby reported a few minor hazmat incidents have occurred in the last few months. He mentioned developing a formalized process for responding to hazmat incidents in the county and surrounding areas.

A scope of work has been established for the continuation of the siren project. At their next visit, the vendor will evaluate each siren and determine the ability of the siren for future maintenance. Director Kirby reported new software has been installed for individual zoning activation of sirens.

The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee has been established and met to discuss issues with emergency/ambulance services in Tippecanoe County. Director Kirby stated several entities were represented; he expects the committee to be instrumental in coordinating local emergency services.

Director Kirby anticipates a shortfall the 2008 maintenance budget. He will request additional funds in the third quarter for supplies and equipment.

TEMA has hired a contractor to be the Administrative Coordinator for the District IV Task Force. The new coordinator, Janet Buche will visit each district in an effort to organize team work for the common goal of the state.

Committee Reports

New HAM communication equipment will be installed soon. Director Kirby reported the National Weather Service uses the HAM band radio/communication system to communicate with emergency management services. Regardless of past problems with local HAM operators, TEMA intends to establish a new RACIES group for effective communication in the event of an emergency.

Chairman Nathan Miller met with Sheriff Brown to discuss the progress of the E911 system. Sheriff Brown recommended delaying discussions until negotiations for 911 service are resolved.

Chairman Miller presented information regarding the Rapid Notify system used by Eli Lilly & Co. This service can notify individuals by land line or cell phones with a recorded emergency notification. Members discussed dropping the reverse 911 system and search for a new system in an effort to provide the community with a phone emergency notification system.

Old/New Business

Director Kirby reported the Emergency Operations Command centers are available at the 629 building, Purdue University and the American Red Cross.

Carol Shelby moved to adjourn.